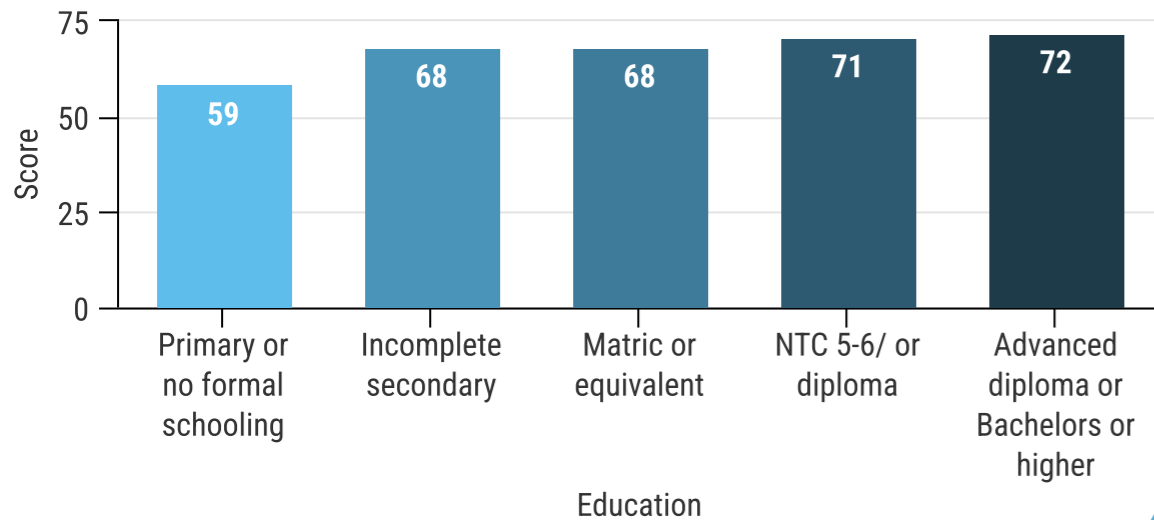


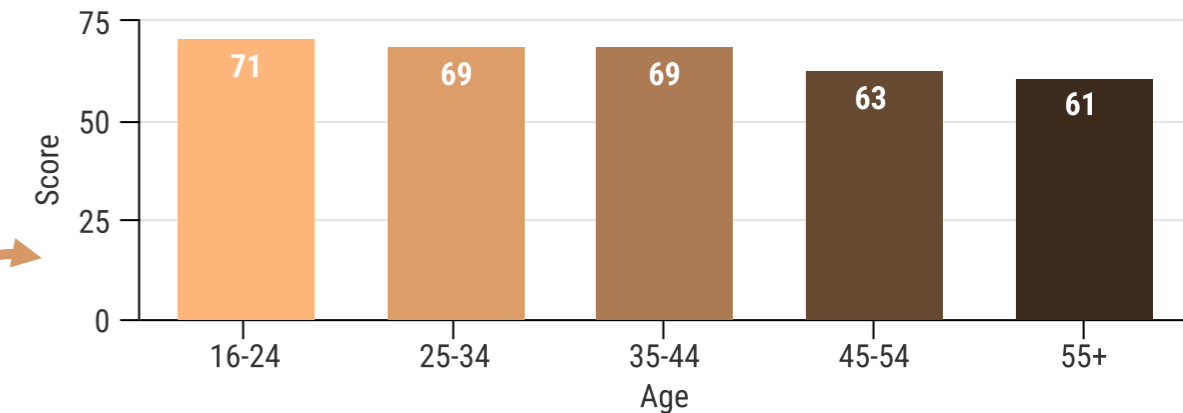
Women's Trust in the Work of Scientists in South Africa

The 2022 South African Public Relationship with Science (SAPRS) Survey examined public attitudes towards several science and technology (S&T) related aspects, including trust in the work of scientists. Here we report on differences in patterns of trust among women, based on an index scaled from 0-100, with higher values indicating greater trust.

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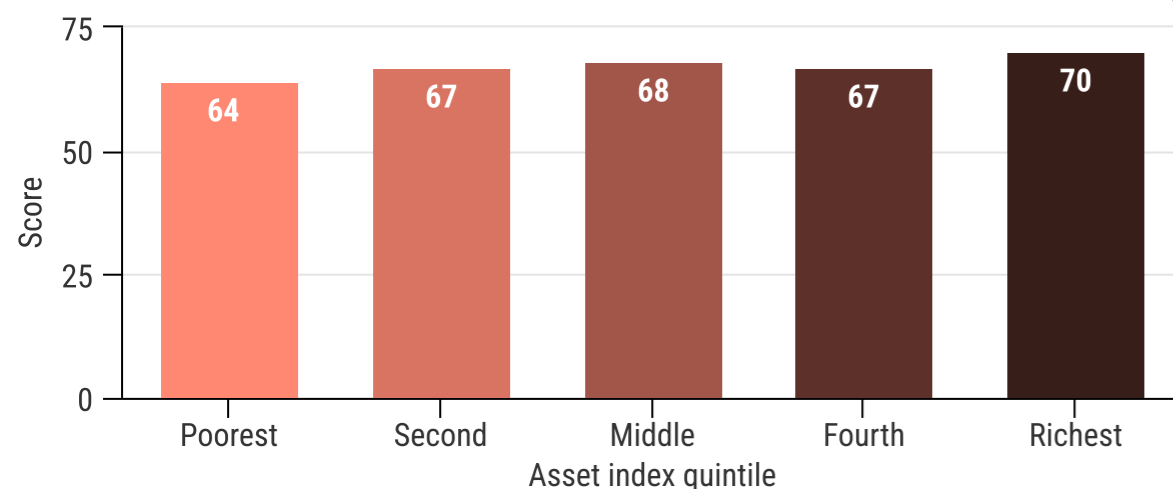
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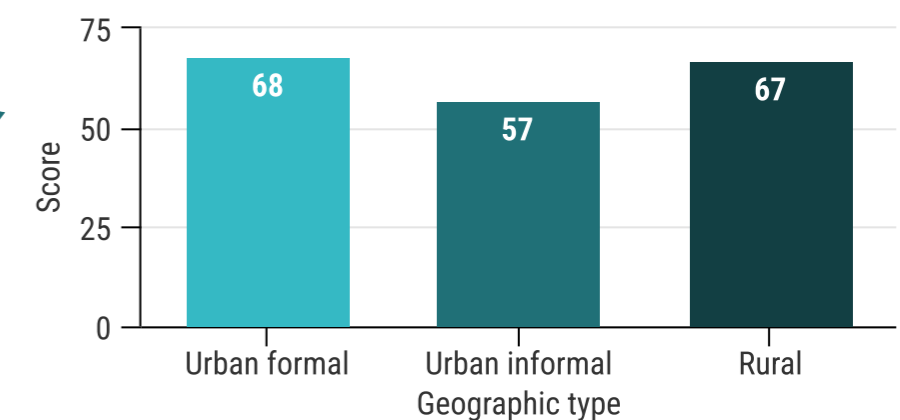
Trust in scientists reflects public confidence in science and its role in society. Among women, trust scores were high, with a narrow range – ranging from 57 to 72 based on the attributes examined.

The national average score was 68 for South Africans and the average score for women was 67. Higher trust was linked to higher educational attainment, younger age, and higher socio-economic status.

Socio-economic status



Geographic location



Disparities exist among women themselves, shaped by socio-demographic factors. Efforts must go further—tackling the unique barriers faced by different groups of women.